

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for image-based matchmaking of a searcher and prospective candidates, the method comprising:
 - (a) providing an image of each of the candidates;
 - (b) analyzing said image of each the candidates to define physical characteristics;
 - (c) storing said physical characteristics, and
 - (d) selecting at least one potential match between the searcher and said candidates based on said characteristics.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - (e) displaying said image of each said potential match.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein said image is a compiled image.
4. The method of claim 3, further comprising:
 - (f) selecting a matching candidate for the searcher based on said displaying of said image.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein said selecting is performed using at least one pre-defined selection criterion.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein said selecting is performed by a computer.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein said at least one pre-defined selection criterion includes a criterion of like physical characteristics between the searcher and the prospective candidates.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein said at least one pre-defined selection criterion includes a selection criterion based on correlative data on matching preferences.

9. The method of claim 6, wherein said at least one pre-defined selection criterion includes at least one selection preference obtained from the searcher.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein said image is constructed from a set of physical appearance information of one of the candidates.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein each said set of physical appearance information is obtained from a questionnaire pertaining to one of the candidates.
12. The method of claim 11, wherein said questionnaire provides physical profile building information.
13. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
 - (e) building and displaying a physical profile for each said potential match.
14. The method of claim 1, wherein said analyzing said image includes quantification of said physical characteristics.
15. The method of claim 14, wherein said analyzing of said physical characteristics is carried out according to a degree of likeness.
16. The method of claim 1, wherein said providing an image of each of the candidates is accomplished by filling out a form.
17. The method of claim 16, wherein said form is a questionnaire.

18. The method of claim 16, wherein said form is filled out by the subscriber to a system based on said matchmaking method.

19. The method of claim 1, wherein step (a) is accomplished by analyzing at least one picture using a computer.

20. The method of claim 1, wherein said providing an image of each of the candidates includes acquiring visual information selected from the group consisting of two dimensional and three dimensional information.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein said acquiring information includes acquiring facial information.

22. The method of claim 20, wherein said acquiring information includes acquiring body information.

23. The method of claim 1, further comprising
(e) providing statistical data on each of the candidates.

24. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
(e) providing at least one referrer by the searcher.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein said at least one referrer is a potential searcher.
26. The method of claim 24, wherein said at least one referrer is a prospective candidate.
27. The method of claim 24, further comprising:
 - (f) specifying a gender of said at least one referrer.
28. The method of claim 24, further comprising:
 - (f) providing information on the searcher by said at least one referrer.
29. The method of claim 28, wherein said information is selected from the group of information consisting of verbal and written information.
30. The method of claim 28, wherein said information is a recommendation of the searcher.